Super-sized: Taylor's new Wal-Mart opens

Taylor's new Wal-Mart Supercenter opened this morning.

A crowd waited inside the Food Center entrance, spilling out the glass doors into the parking lot as company officials thanked employees — "associates" in Wal-Mart lingo — city officials, contractors and partners for helping launch Taylor's largest retail store.

It was part grand opening, part pep rally.

Store manager Rich McCarthy opened the ceremony with a loud "Good morning," and without hesitation a sea of associates, some in blue vests and others wearing name tags identifying them as members of the Wal-Mart family, responded.

"Good morning," followed by a pair of loud claps. "Teamwork."

That mantra was repeated a few times before the ribbon was finally cut and employees singled out for their service to the Taylor store led the crowd in the Wal-

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NOW OPEN: The Taylor Wal-Mart Supercenter opened with fanfare Tuesday. Above, shoppers roll into the new store through the Food Center entrance after a ribbon cutting ceremony. Left, longtime employees led the staff in a Wal-Mart cheer before the store officially opened for business. Left to right are Tiny Flores, Sherry Sladek, Jody Cervenka, Janice Meyer, Betty Stried and Martha Alderete. Standing behind the cheerleaders is store manager Rich McCarthy.